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Sir:

Attorney Docket No.: THIELK-012XX

In re application of: Ralf Oberbeck et al.

Entitled: ACTUATION DEVICE FOR VEHICLE SEATS

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following checked items are applicable:

☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for ** month(s) is hereby made, under §1.136(a); a check in the amount of \$** is enclosed per §1.17.

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| CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT: | MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS: | EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS: | RATE: | ADDITIONAL FEE: |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Independent 1 | - 3 | = 0 | x \$84.00 = | 0 |
| Total 8 | - 20 | = 0 | x \$18.00 = | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation) | | | + \$280.00 = | 0 |
| SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE | | | | 0 |
| Small Entity filing, divide by 1/2. | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE | | | | 0 |

☒ No additional claim fee.

☐ The claim fee has been calculated above; check number in the amount of \$ is enclosed.

☒ In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 02-3285 for the cost of such extension.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under §1.16 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3285.

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RESPONSE

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REMARKS

Sir:

This letter is in response to the examiner's letter dated November 4, 2002 wherein the examiner required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

In this letter, the examiner states that the present application contains claims directed to two patentability distinct species of the claimed invention, namely, Group 1 directed to a

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drive gear that is part of a tilt adjustment mechanism for a seat back (claim 7); and Group 2 directed to a drive gear that is part of a reducing transmission (claim 8). The examiner also states that claims 1-6 appear to be generic.

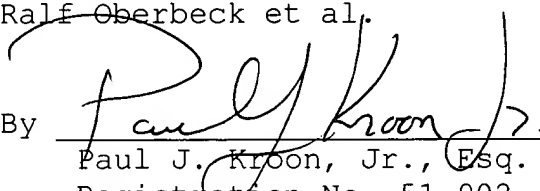
Applicants hereby elect the species in Group 1. Applicant believes claims 1-7 read on this species. Applicant further asserts that claims 1-6 are generic.

The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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